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the mind and imagination in behalf of the Christian Faith, the remainder presenting the claims of Christianity over the moral and practical life. The themes, based upon well-chosen texts, are all useful and attractive, the treatment of them is skilful, vigorous, and influential, *e. g.* The Witness of Christ, The Demand for Results, The Function of the Gospel, Social Responsibilities, The Limits of Speed. The texts, with two exceptions from Isaiah, are all taken from the New Testament, six of them from the Fourth Gospel. One must choose between the many books of published sermons, all meritorious, and all useful. It can hardly be said that this volume has particular claims to attention, but it is an excellent work. C. W. V.

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**Our Lord's Signs in St. John's Gospel.** Discussions chiefly Exegetical and Doctrinal on the Eight Miracles in the Fourth Gospel. By JOHN HUTCHINSON, D.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1892, pp. 237.

The author has already published two books of value, treating of Paul's Epistles to the Thessalonians and the Philippians. This volume is prepared from a similar point of view, being chiefly an exposition of the eight miracles narrated in the Fourth Gospel. He rightly regards them as having a larger and more vital significance than do the miracles as recorded in the synoptic gospels. Then, from this standpoint, he sets forth, with painstaking care and exact exegesis, the circumstances and the meaning of each of the eight miracles, giving in each case (1) the exposition, (2) the significance of the "sign." In a masterly way it is shown that the miracles cited by John are actual parallels, embodiments of spiritual doctrine and truth.

Nothing strikingly new has been added to the view or the information of the subject,—probably that would have been too much to expect, considering the exhaustive studies in this field by Trench, Bruce, and others. Some of the conclusions arrived at on disputed points might not win acceptance. But the treatise is a very able, interesting and valuable one. It should stand on the shelves with the other first-rate books upon the miracles of Christ.

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**The Life of Jesus Critically Examined.** By Dr. DAVID FRIEDRICH STRAUSS.

Translated from the Fourth German Edition by George Eliot. Second Edition, in one volume. New York: Macmillan & Co., 1892, pp. 784. \$4.50.

This is the famous work put out by Strauss in 1835, with the comparatively few alterations incident to the several editions, and translated by England's great novelist. Of the work itself nothing need be said. It was an epoch-making book, and did much to bring about the present advanced knowledge concerning the life of Christ. It has been outgrown; its importance is historical, not practical. Yet it will be valuable to the education of the individual judgment, for the individual mind must pass through stages of opinion and knowledge such as the race itself has previously emerged from. A man